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In re the application of: Daniel F. Justin et al.

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed October 3, 2003, in which the Examiner requires restriction of the application to one of the "patentably distinct species of the claimed invention."